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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH THAI FOREIGN MINISTER

CHARUNPHAN OCTOBER 1 AT WALDORF

1. SECRETARY BEGAN BY STATING THAT US ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO RELATIONS WITH THAILAND. CHARUNPHAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO SANYA, AND SAID THAT SANYA HAD REPLIED. CHARUNPHAN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM THAT THAI GOVERNMENT DESIRED TO CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH US.

2. SECRETARY SAID THAT US WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH RTG. WE DID NOT WANT TO PRESENT RTG WITH FAITS ACCOMPLIS. WE WOULD GIVE RTG OUR IDEAS AND WOULD WELCOME THAI IDEAS. WE SHOULD NOT DO THINGS BECAUSE WE THOUGHT RTG WANTED THEM, AND RTG SHOULD NOT DO THINGS BECAUSE IT THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS WHAT WE WERE PLANNING TO DO.

3. CHARUNPHAN ASKED ABOUT INDOCHINA AFTER PARIS AGREEMENTS. SECRETARY SAID THAT PARIS AGREEMENTS WERE FINE BUT THAT DIFFICULTY WAS IN GETTING ENOUGH AID SUPPORT FROM US CONGRESS. SAID US DETERMINED TO PERSIST IN VIETNAM AND THAT RTG COULD COUNT ON US TO DO SO. SAID THAT WE

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COULD SUCCEED IF WE GOT PROPER AID LEVEL.

4. ON CAMBODIA, SECRETARY SAID WE HAD MORE COMPLEX SITUATION. GOVERNMENT HAD DONE BETTER THAN EXPECTED. NOW IT MUST HOLD MILITARY SITUATION AND WE MUST HOLD UNGA SITUATION. EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THAI EFFORTS IN ASEAN GROUP AND SAID THAT WE WOULD BACK THEM FIRMLY. SAID THAT THAI SHOULD PASS WORD TO OTHER COUNTRIES THAT THEY COULD NOT COUNT ON US SUPPORT FOR THEIR RESOLUTIONS IF THEY DID NOT BACK US ON THINGS LIKE THIS THAT WE REGARDED AS IMPORTANT. SAID WE DID NOT WANT TO LOSE THAT VOTE. SAID WE WOULD MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT AND WOULD NOT ACT WITHOUT TELLING RTG.

5. ON LAOS, CHARUNPHAN ASKED IF US WOULD CONTINUE TO HELP. SECRETARY SAID WE HAD POLICY OF CONTINUING TO HELP. RECALLED THAT HE HAD TOLD THIS TO PHOUMI VONGVICHIT. CHARUNPHAN SAID THIS WAS ALSO THAI POLICY.

6. CHARUNPHAN SAID THAT SOUVANNA PHOUMA HAD WRITTEN TO SANYA ABOUT TRANSIT, WHICH ASST SEC HABIB SAID WAS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE TO LAOS. CHARUNPHAN RECALLED THAT NORTH VIETNAM ALREADY HAD SAID IT WOULD OPEN ROUTE SEVEN TO SEA. HABIB SAID THAT RLG WOULD HAVE BETTER POSITION IF THAI TRANSIT ARRANGEMENTS IMPROVED. CHARUNPHAN SAID RTG WAS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO IMPROVING TRANSIT TO LAOS.

7. CHARUNPHAN SAID THAT PHOUMI HAD INVITED HIM TO VISIT LAOS. HE WOULD PREFER TO SEE SOUVANNA AS WELL WHEN HE WENT TO LAOS, AND WOULD CONSIDER GOING TO VIENTIANE WHEN SOUVANNA RETURNED. HE ADDED THAT RATHER LAO WERE ALSO NATIONALISTS WHO DID NOT LIKE VIETNAMESE FOR HISTORICAL AND OTHER REASONS.

8. SECRETARY SAID THAT US OPPOSED MILITARY EXPANSION BY NORTH VIETNAM AND WOULD GIVE AID TO THAILAND AND OTHERS. WOULD ALSO GIVE ECONOMIC AID TO LAOS.

9. CHARUNPHAN ASKED IF SECRETARY WAS DISCUSSING SOUTHEAST ASIA WITH SOVIET UNION AND CHINA. SECRETARY
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SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS IT WITH BOTH AND THAT HE HAD SOME HOPE OF CHINESE COOPERATION SINCE CHINESE WANTED SOMETHING FROM US. BOTH AGREED THAT CHINESE HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT NORTH VIETNAMESE DOMINATION OF INDOCHINA.

10. IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S QUESTION AS TO WHAT RTG WANTED AT UPCOMING SEATO MEETING, CHARUNPHAN

SAID THAT RTG WANTED SEATO TO CONCENTRATE MORE ON
SUBVERSION AND TO STREAMLINE OPERATIONS TO CUT COSTS.
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